Pictou County Statistical Profile

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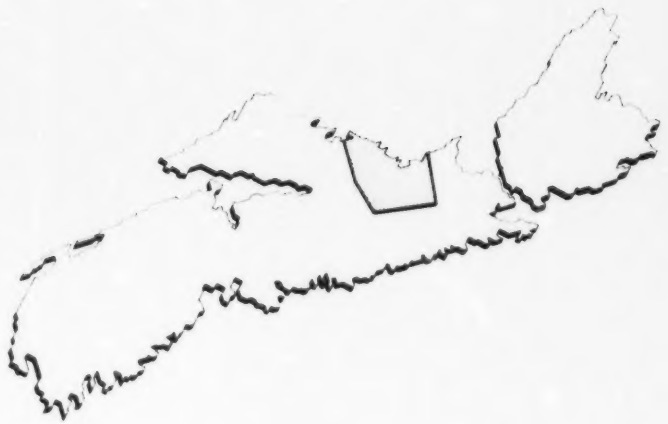
Pictou County lies on the shores of Northumberland Strait in the northeastern part of the province. European settlement of the county began in 1767 when settlers from Maryland and Pennsylvania arrived on the "Betsy". The Scottish heritage began shortly thereafter when the "Hector" arrived in 1773 with 189 immigrants. The first coal was discovered at Stellarton in 1798 and this activity continued to expand through the nineteenth century. At its peak the Pictou coalfield employed over 2,000 men and produced 900,000 tons of coal a year. Agriculture, however, continued to be the dominant industry until late in the nineteenth century. Pictou Town and several other communities became boat building centres, with some of the largest ships of the day being constructed there.

By 1880 the foundations were laid for the county's era as a leader in heavy industry. The first steel ingots in Canada were poured at Trenton in 1883. In 1912 the Trenton Works and the Eastern Car Co. produced various steel ships, shells and armour plate in Trenton. The area's heavy industry suffered during the depression years and then enjoyed a revival during World War II. Once again the peacetime era brought a downturn in the steel industries while coal mining in the region was also in a downturn. The last of the large mines to remain in operation, the McBean Mine at Thorburn, was closed in 1972.

In the 1960's and 1970's the county has undergone a revival with several new industries, including a large pulp mill and Michelin Tire plant. The retail trade and service industries have also expanded notably in the past decade.



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Pictou County
Statistical Summary

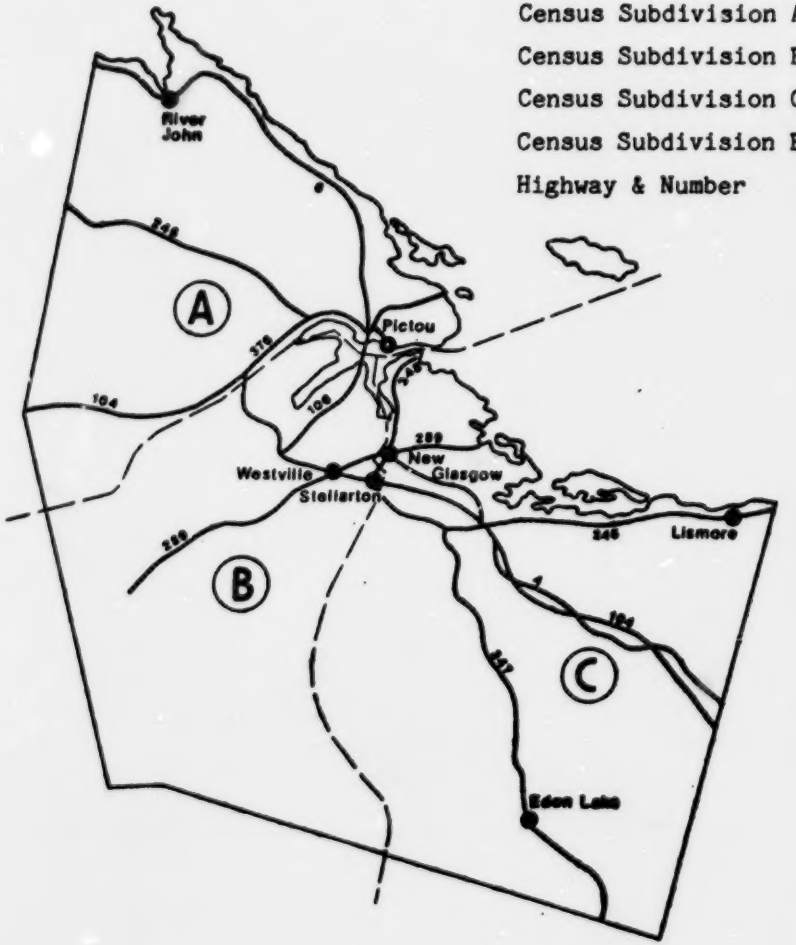
	YEAR	PICTOU COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	2,774.4	5.2
Population	1981	50,350	5.9
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	18.1	113.1
Labour Force	1981	21,150	5.7
Employed	1981	19,200	5.6
Average income per tax filer ($)	1981	11,973	95.7
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	207,900	6.0
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	4,060	101.6
Number of farms	1981	492	9.8
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1983	11,578	6.6
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1983	143,804	11.2
Sea fish landings - metric tons	1983	3,301	0.8
Sea fish landings - ($'000)	1983	5,032	1.8
Number of manufacturing establishments	1981	52	6.4
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1981	528,147	13.8
Number of permits for residential units	1984	233	3.9
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1984	16,780	3.0

SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada

Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Pictou County



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

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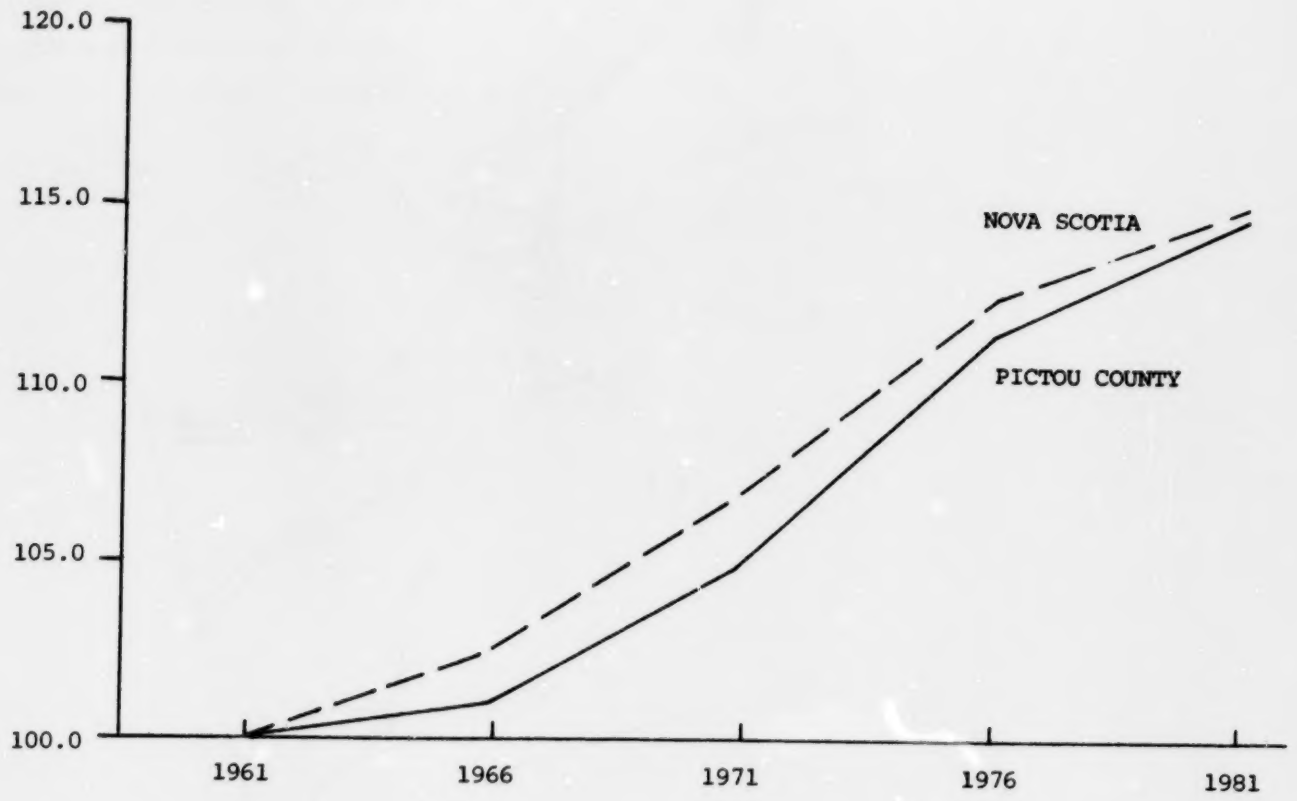


Table 1

Population Growth
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Pictou County	43,908	44,490	46,104	49,076	50,350
New Glasgow	9,782	10,489	10,849	10,672	10,464
Pictou	4,534	4,254	4,250	4,588	4,628
Stellarton	5,327	5,191	5,357	5,366	5,435
Trenton	3,140	3,229*	3,331	3,224	3,154
Westville	4,159	4,147	3,898	4,251	4,522*
Sub. A - Pictou-River John	4,749	4,687	4,992	5,797	6,310
Sub. B - Stellarton-Middle River	4,331	4,494	4,842	5,788	6,266*
Sub. C - New Glasgow-Merigomish	7,737	7,859*	8,416	9,207	9,372
Indian Reserves	149	140	169	183	199

Index of Population Growth Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Pictou County	100.0	101.3	105.0	111.8	114.7
New Glasgow	100.0	107.2	110.9	109.1	107.0
Pictou	100.0	93.8	93.7	101.2	102.1
Stellarton	100.0	97.4	100.6	100.7	102.0
Trenton	100.0	102.8	106.1	102.7	100.4
Westville	100.0	99.7	93.7	102.2	108.7
Sub. A - Pictou-River John	100.0	98.7	105.1	122.1	132.9
Sub. B - Stellarton-Middle River	100.0	103.8	111.8	133.6	144.7
Sub. C - New Glasgow-Merigomish	100.0	101.6	108.8	119.0	121.1
Indian Reserves	100.0	94.0	113.4	122.8	133.6

*As population of the municipalities is based on the boundaries established at each Census, an asterisk indicates changes.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100+ Pictou County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Abercrombie	775	590	Lyons Brook	488	517
Alma	218	270	McLellans Brook	280	403
Central West River	143	208	Pictou Landing	455	534
Coalburn	252	349	Pine Tree	198	236
Durham	267	360	Plymouth	397	314
Eureka	263	431	Priestville	263	320
Frasers Mountain	122	249	River John	681	488
Greenhill	119	406	Riverton	405	605
Hillside	453	236	Salt Springs	144	201
Hopewell	517	542	Scotsburn	325	342
Linacy	605	579	Thorburn	965	1,004
Little Harbour Road	n/a	244	Three Brooks	225	244
Lower Mount William	313	467	Welsford	163	214

n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	PICTOU COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	20,958	22,147	42.7	44.0	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	18,858	20,447	38.4	40.6	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	2,100	1,700	4.3	3.4	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	28,118	28,203	57.3	56.0	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	49,076	50,350	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

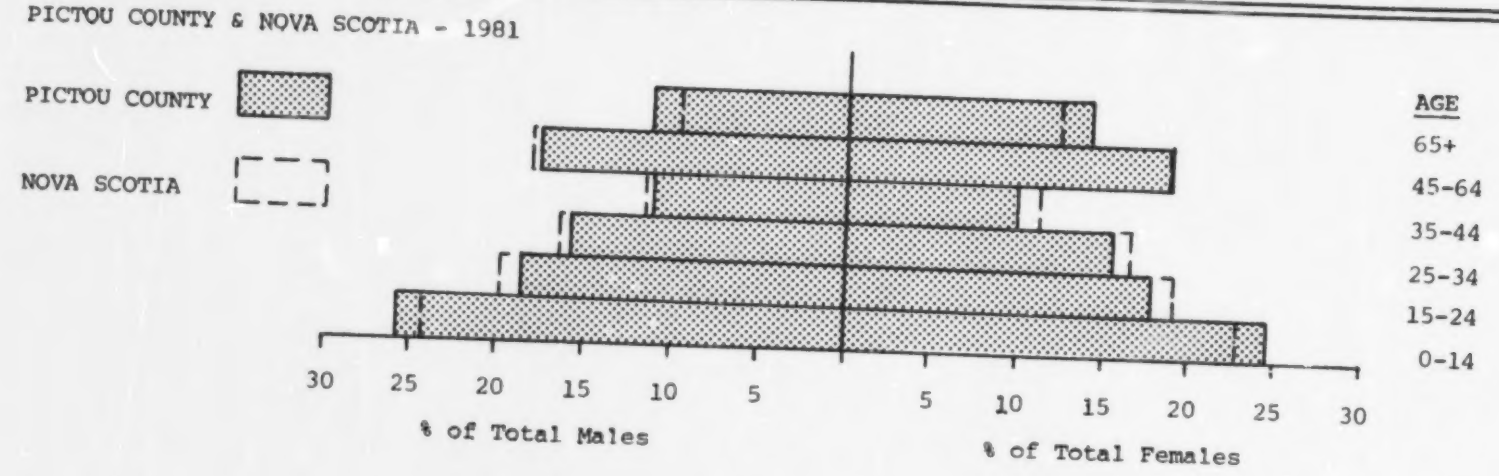
[1]Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

[2]Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



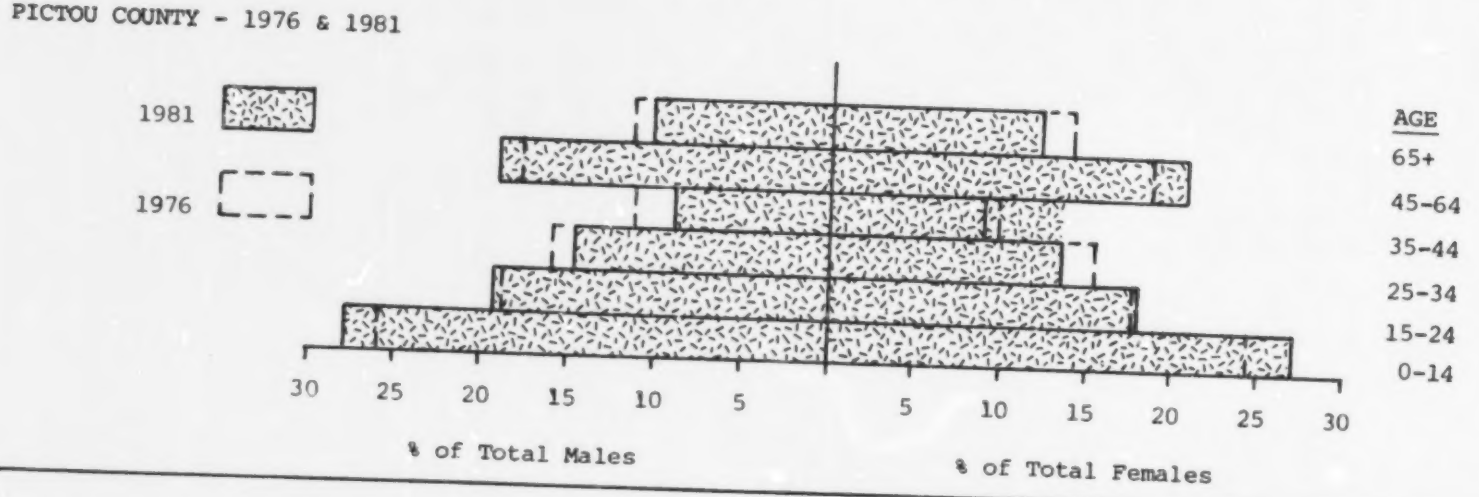


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	PICTOU COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0-14	27.8	26.8	25.8	24.3	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	19.3	17.7	18.6	17.6	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	14.6	13.3	15.9	15.3	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.0	8.9	11.1	9.8	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	19.1	20.6	17.6	18.8	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	10.2	12.8	11.0	14.2	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	24,435	24,640	25,035	25,310	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5
Population by Marital Status and Sex
Pictou County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Pictou County	- T	50,350	22,605	12,615	9,990	23,670	22,965	705	3,050	1,025
	- M	25,040	12,140	6,470	5,670	11,870	11,520	350	545	485
	- F	25,315	10,465	6,150	4,315	11,800	11,445	360	2,510	535
New Glasgow	- T	10,465	4,565	2,195	2,370	4,760	4,580	175	855	285
	- M	4,965	2,355	1,085	1,270	2,375	2,305	70	130	115
	- F	5,495	2,215	1,105	1,110	2,385	2,280	105	725	165
Pictou	- T	4,630	2,150	1,150	1,000	2,010	1,945	65	350	125
	- M	2,300	1,185	615	570	1,000	975	30	60	60
	- F	2,330	965	535	430	1,005	970	40	290	65
Stellarton	- T	5,435	2,355	1,270	1,085	2,590	2,500	90	380	110
	- M	2,640	1,230	640	590	1,295	1,255	40	70	40
	- F	2,795	1,120	630	490	1,290	1,245	50	315	70
Trenton	- T	3,150	1,405	735	670	1,485	1,445	45	185	80
	- M	1,585	765	365	400	745	725	25	35	40
	- F	1,565	640	365	275	745	720	20	150	40
Westville	- T	4,520	2,075	1,235	840	2,095	2,015	80	260	95
	- M	2,235	1,110	640	470	1,035	1,000	30	45	45
	- F	2,285	965	595	370	1,060	1,010	45	210	50

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6

Vital Statistics

Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1983

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Pictou County	780	817	774	760	758	455	461	461	463	481
New Glasgow	148	173	156	148	156	138	117	119	123	123
Pictou	74	64	72	60	60	48	61	64	48	64
Stellarton	77	83	77	82	76	41	53	46	51	52
Trenton	49	47	33	40	50	33	26	28	30	24
Westville	73	89	68	81	73	55	38	28	46	31
Nova Scotia	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	12,401	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941	7,047

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

Table 7
Family Characteristics
Pictou County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Pictou County											
Number	12,760	4,495	2,715	2,980	1,660	605	195	105	43,285	3.4	3.5
% of Total	100.0	35.2	21.3	23.4	13.0	4.7	1.5	0.8			
New Glasgow	2,595	1,015	555	555	310	115	35	10	8,510	3.3	3.4
Pictou	1,140	415	220	275	140	55	20	10	3,870	3.4	3.5
Stellarton	1,410	560	295	310	160	60	15	5	4,595	3.3	3.5
Trenton	815	275	190	205	90	45	15	5	2,750	3.4	3.6
Westville	1,155	400	240	275	160	55	25	10	3,940	3.4	3.5
Fishers Grant[a]	40	10	5	5	10	5	0	5	175	4.6	5.0
Pictou Munic.	5,610	1,820	1,220	1,360	795	275	85	55	19,455	3.5	3.6

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8
Family Incomes
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Pictou County	20,542	94.4	13.9
New Glasgow	22,450	102.6	14.2
Pictou	20,584	94.1	11.8
Stellarton	22,618	103.4	12.6
Trenton	19,685	90.0	17.3
Westville	17,574	80.3	22.4
Sub. A - Pictou - River John	19,799	90.5	10.4
Sub. B - Stellarton - Middle River	20,188	92.3	14.6
Sub. C - New Glasgow - Merigomish	20,335	93.0	11.8

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income per Income Tax Filer
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1977 - 1982

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income	Average Income	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average
		$'000	$	%
Pictou County				
- 1977	21,277	205,904	9,677	98.3
- 1978[1]	26,634	231,133	8,678	93.6
- 1979	27,494	265,941	9,673	95.7
- 1980	27,928	289,465	10,365	93.7
- 1981	29,158	349,131	11,973	95.7
- 1982	29,460	383,156	13,006	93.6

	PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP			
	PICTOU COUNTY		NOVA SCOTIA	
Income Group	1977 %	1982 %	1977 %	1982 %
Under $2,500	12.1	19.0	12.8	17.2
$ 2,500 - $ 5,000	17.7	10.0	16.7	9.8
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	15.7	10.0	16.8	10.2
$ 7,500 - $10,000	12.4	9.3	14.0	9.4
$10,000 - $15,000	25.3	16.7	20.1	17.1
$15,000 - $20,000	10.5	11.5	11.3	11.8
$20,000 - $25,000	3.1	10.5	4.5	9.2
$25,000 - $30,000	1.9	5.9	1.9	6.2
$30,000+	1.2	7.0	1.8	9.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Pictou County	14,605	15,995	3.3	3.1
New Glasgow	3,420	3,570	3.0	2.8
Pictou	1,355	1,480	3.2	3.0
Stellarton	1,651	1,830	3.2	2.9
Trenton	930	1,000	3.4	3.1
Westville	1,300	1,415	3.2	3.2
Subdivision A	1,695	1,980	3.4	3.2
Subdivision B	1,675	1,905	3.3	3.2
Subdivision C	2,550	2,780	3.6	3.3
Indian Reserves	35	40	5.1	5.3

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11
Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

TENURE:	NEW GLASGOW	PICTOU	STELLARTON	TRENTON	WESTVILLE	MUNIC. OF PICTOU	PICTOU COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
1976 - Owned (%)	63.7	77.8	73.3	84.4	75.7	90.4	79.3	72.4
Rented (%)	36.3	22.2	26.7	15.6	24.3	9.6	20.7	27.6
Total (No.)	3,420	1,350	1,650	930	1,295	5,960	14,605	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	64.5	72.1	70.7	81.6	75.5	89.4	78.4	71.5
Rented (%)	35.5	27.9	29.3	18.4	24.5	10.6	21.6	28.5
Total (No.)	3,570	1,480	1,825	1,005	1,415	6,710	15,995	273,195
TYPE:								
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	76.0	89.3	84.0	90.3	84.2	85.0	83.4	78.9
Apartments (%)	20.9	8.5	13.9	5.9	11.2	1.2	9.1	15.4
Mobile (%)	3.1	2.2	2.1	3.8	4.6	13.8	7.5	5.7
Total (No.)	3,420	1,350	1,650	930	1,295	5,960	14,605	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	75.6	84.4	81.4	87.1	82.3	84.4	82.2	77.9
Apartments (%)	21.8	13.2	16.4	8.4	12.4	2.2	10.5	16.7
Mobile (%)	2.6	2.4	2.2	4.5	5.3	13.4	7.3	5.4
Total (No.)	3,570	1,480	1,825	1,005	1,415	6,710	15,995	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 12
Labour Force Activity
Pictou County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	17,640	18,035	35,675	18,355	18,810	37,160
Labour Force	12,265	6,555	18,815	13,520	7,630	21,150
Employment	11,235	5,725	16,955	12,535	6,665	19,200
Unemployment	1,030	825	1,860	985	965	1,950
Unemployment Rate [1]	8.4	12.6	9.9	7.3	12.7	9.2
Participation Rate[2]	69.5	36.3	52.7	73.7	40.6	56.9

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling Pictou County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	21,150	3,230	7,515	2,845	6,170	1,390
Male	13,520	2,505	4,655	1,655	3,775	930
Female	7,630	725	2,860	1,185	2,390	465
Aged 15-24						
Total	5,315	570	2,225	1,085	1,205	225
Male	3,135	420	1,350	620	635	110
Female	2,180	150	875	470	570	115
Aged 25-44						
Total	10,055	1,265	3,205	1,280	3,385	925
Male	6,490	955	2,025	745	2,125	635
Female	3,565	305	1,175	530	1,255	290
Aged 45-54						
Total	2,890	635	975	235	895	140
Male	1,915	500	600	135	565	110
Female	970	140	380	100	300	25
Aged 55-64						
Total	2,340	580	900	180	610	70
Male	1,585	500	540	110	400	45
Female	755	85	365	70	210	30
Aged 65+						
Total	555	185	205	60	80	30
Male	400	135	140	40	55	25
Female	160	50	70	10	25	5

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Pictou County, 1981

	PICTOU COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Pictou County	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	360	125	485	2.3	2.3
Forestry	325	60	385	1.8	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	285	10	290	1.4	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	120	-	120	0.6	1.8
Manufacturing	5,685	1,120	6,805	32.7	15.0
Construction	1,035	75	1,110	5.3	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	1,090	290	1,385	6.7	8.0
Trade	2,230	1,850	4,080	19.6	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	205	365	575	2.8	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	1,405	3,165	4,570	21.9	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	680	350	1,030	4.9	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	13,425	7,405	20,830	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, and who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Pictou County, 1981

	PICTOU COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Pictou County	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	1,045	275	1,325	6.4	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	520	40	560	2.7	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	100	165	265	1.3	1.5
Occupations in Religion	50	15	65	0.3	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	255	505	760	3.6	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	160	705	860	4.1	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	95	65	165	0.8	1.2
Clerical & Related	735	2,340	3,075	14.8	16.5
Sales Occupations	1,060	1,000	2,060	9.9	9.2
Service Occupations	755	1,390	2,145	10.3	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	370	100	470	2.2	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	290	15	305	1.5	2.4
Forestry & Logging	320	50	365	1.7	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	70	-	70	0.3	1.0
Processing Occupations	800	240	1,040	5.0	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	1,165	30	1,195	5.7	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	2,220	270	2,490	12.0	6.1
Construction Trades	1,525	25	1,550	7.4	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	885	40	930	4.5	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	570	50	620	3.0	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	150	40	195	0.9	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	290	30	325	1.6	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	13,425	7,405	20,830	100.0	100.0

[1] Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 16
Principal Farm Census Data
Pictou County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	975	1,685
% of Total Population Living on Farms	2.0	3.3
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	3	6
25-34 years	45	93
35-44 years	44	99
45-54 years	86	106
55-59 years	47	51
60-64 years	50	53
65 years and over	43	84
Total Number of Farms	318	492
- With sales of 2,500+	199	277
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	3	16
10- 69 acres	12	83
70- 129 acres	71	116
130- 179 acres	55	77
180- 239 acres	58	62
240- 399 acres	58	91
400- 559 acres	31	26
560- 759 acres	13	15
760- 1,119 acres	4	4
1,120- 1,599 acres	2	1
1,600+ acres	1	1

Cont'd.

Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	80,291	96,811
Improved Land - acres	31,858	41,156
Under Crops - acres	20,520	25,827
Improved Pasture - acres	9,268	12,056
Summer Fallow - acres	674	855
Other Improved - acres	1,396	2,418
Unimproved Land - acres	48,433	55,659
Woodland - acres	37,853	46,948
Other Unimproved - acres	10,580	8,711
Average Size of Farms - acres	252	197
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	39.7	42.5

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17
Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Pictou County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	318	492
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	7
$100,000 - $249,999	(14	17
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	16	35
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	24	25
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	38	53
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	47	55
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	60	85
Under $2,500	119	215
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	199	277
Dairy	85	92
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	54	87
Poultry	9	9
Wheat	1	2
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	6	8
Field crops, other than smallgrains	2	5
Fruits and vegetables	14	20
Miscellaneous specialty	10	26
Mixed	18	28
Livestock combination	9	21
Field crops combination	---	1
Other combinations	9	6

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18
Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Pictou County, 1979-1983

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Value - $'000	2,618	2,787	3,439	3,213	5,032
% of Nova Scotia total	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.8
Weight - metric tonnes	3,124	3,807	3,950	3,531	3,301
% of Nova Scotia total	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Pictou County, 1979-1983

	Total	% of Income Derived from Fishery		
		0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1979	334	126	93	115
1980	339	120	98	121
1981	321	77	110	134
1982	310	71	93	146
1983	388	120	70	198
% of Nova Scotia				
1979	3.1	3.1	5.6	2.2
1980	3.0	2.9	5.7	2.2
1981	2.8	2.3	6.9	2.1
1982	2.8	2.2	6.6	2.3
1983	3.1	3.2	4.7	2.7

SOURCE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20
Area of Land Classes
Pictou County, 1981 and 1982

	Area (Hectares)[1]	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	89,200	30.8
2. Mixed Wood	55,100	19.0
3. Hardwood	72,400	25.0
Total Forested Land	217,000	75.1
Non-Forested Land	59,400	20.5
Water and Flowage	12,400	4.3
Total Area of County[2]	289,100	100.0

[1] 1 hectare = 2.471 acres

[2] figures do not add because of rounding

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Eastern Subdivision - 1981-82

Table 21
Forest Production Statistics
Pictou County, 1979-1983

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Softwood	5,542	10,331	8,609	5,525	11,541	136,828	170,292	179,852	121,370	129,230
Hardwood	2,800	268	711	689	37	40,076	71,115	47,513	8,615	14,574
Total	8,342	10,599	9,320	6,214	11,578	176,904	241,407	227,365	129,985	143,804
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	2.8	5.8	5.3	3.9	6.8	5.0	6.0	7.2	6.6	11.8
Hardwood	30.0	3.6	7.1	7.9	0.5	11.3	15.1	16.6	7.1	7.7
Total	4.1	5.7	5.4	4.1	6.6	5.7	7.3	8.1	6.6	11.2

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics — (in Common Measure)
Pictou County, 1982 and 1983

	1982	1983	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1983
Lumber (M. fbm.)	6,214	11,578	4.1	6.6
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	150	207	5.1	8.1
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	552	322	33.6	20.6
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	27	133	1.7	5.1
Laths (M's)	15	12	0.3	0.3
Shingles (Squares)	-	17	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	13,199	1,508	3.9	0.5
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	213,309	217,684	6.7	10.9
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23
Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Pictou County, 1978-1981

	Year	Number of Establishments	Production and Related Workers Man-Hours Paid: Male	Production and Related Workers Man-Hours Paid: Female	Production and Related Workers Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
					MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY					
Pictou Town	1978	8	277	72	754	4,245	174	7,893	13,710	5,938
	1979	8	390	85	1,006	6,218	283	13,228	22,586	9,602
	1980	8	408	91	1,053	7,066	334	16,165	26,939	12,340
	1981	6	415	77	1,021	7,082	305	14,295	19,446	3,079
Stellarton	1978	6	49	50	204	919	134	3,349	5,045	1,611
	1979	6	47	57	216	1,021	139	5,798	8,616	2,740
	1980	6	54	67	255	1,351	196	6,740	10,632	3,839
	1981	7	55	72	255	1,530	205	8,111	11,998	3,817
Remainder of County	1978	35	3,054	214	6,634	45,151	13,565	134,749	275,681	125,698
	1979	37	3,756	205	8,566	62,956	16,092	219,436	374,326	153,923
	1980	37	3,253	210	7,130	60,561	17,239	194,666	402,576	195,761
	1981	39	3,972	253	8,233	77,998	21,168	254,078	496,703	235,684
Pictou County	1978	49	3,380	336	7,592	50,315	13,873	145,991	294,436	133,247
	1979	51	4,193	347	9,788	70,195	16,515	238,462	405,527	166,265
	1980	51	3,715	368	8,437	68,978	17,769	217,570	440,147	211,940
	1981	52	4,442	402	9,509	86,610	21,696	276,484	528,147	242,580
% Pictou County of Nova Scotia	1978	6.9	15.6	5.9	13.1	15.4	10.1	8.8	10.8	14.9
	1979	6.6	18.0	5.9	15.3	17.5	10.8	11.4	12.6	16.1
	1980	6.3	16.2	6.0	13.5	16.0	11.5	10.2	12.7	17.7
	1981	6.4	19.7	6.6	15.6	18.4	11.0	11.5	13.8	18.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

Table 24

Retail Sales
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	PICTOU COUNTY ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA	
			PICTOU COUNTY ($)	NOVA SCOTIA ($)
Food	1981	48,000	953	876
	1982	55,900	1,102	1,023
	1983	--	--	1,133
Automotive	1981	46,200	918	905
	1982	44,400	876	867
	1983	--	--	963
Clothing	1981	9,800	195	171
	1982	10,500	207	184
	1983	--	--	200
Hardware	1981	3,700	73	34
	1982	3,800	75	35
	1983	--	--	39
Home Furnishings	1981	3,800	75	67
	1982	4,200	83	73
	1983	--	--	77
Total Retail Sales*	1981	171,200	3,400	3,315
	1982	182,600	3,602	3,542
	1983	207,900	4,060	3,994

*Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25
Building Permits Issued
Pictou County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1984

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other (units)	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial ($'000)	Institutional & Government	Total
1981								
New Glasgow	24	--	24	1,575	--	805	359	2,739
Pictou	5	--	5	545	--	1,127	612	2,284
Stellarton	9	--	9	662	--	51	--	713
Trenton	9	--	9	566	--	5	--	571
Westville	14	--	14	825	--	4	134	963
Pictou Municipality	166	11	177	7,793	1,140	102	52	9,087
Total, Pictou County	227	11	238	11,966	1,140	2,094	1,157	16,357
NOVA SCOTIA	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
New Glasgow	10	--	10	1,010	11	787	--	1,808
Pictou	14	22	36	1,261	--	435	--	1,696
Stellarton	5	--	5	441	--	132	225	798
Trenton	1	--	1	273	108	80	219	680
Westville	9	--	9	626	--	82	1,350	2,058
Pictou Municipality	143	--	143	5,541	53	68	230	5,892
Total, Pictou County	182	22	204	9,152	172	1,584	2,024	12,932
NOVA SCOTIA	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867
1983								
New Glasgow	27	15	42	2,433	--	232	180	2,845
Pictou	7	--	7	718	1	17	100	836
Stellarton	12	--	12	879	--	348	101	1,328
Trenton	7	--	7	592	--	11	40	643
Westville	7	--	7	749	--	281	40	1,070
Pictou Municipality	135	--	135	6,655	30	279	425	7,389
Total, Pictou County	195	15	210	12,026	31	1,168	886	14,111
NOVA SCOTIA	4,999	1,024	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251
1984								
New Glasgow	32	18	50	2,737	--	394	60	3,191
Pictou	3	--	3	529	10	97	--	636
Stellarton	27	--	27	1,596	--	627	--	2,223
Trenton	2	--	2	266	--	150	117	533
Westville	16	--	16	909	--	177	--	1,086
Pictou Municipality	135	--	135	6,889	325	431	1,466	9,111
Total, Pictou County	215	18	233	12,926	335	1,876	1,643	16,780
NOVA SCOTIA	4,846	1,120	5,966	334,179	21,454	146,947	58,897	561,477

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

Pictou County
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MUNICIPALITIES AND 1985 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of New Glasgow	$ 2.24	$ 3.99
Town of Pictou	2.15	3.69
Town of Stellarton	1.92	3.14
Town of Trenton	2.08	5.41
Town of Westville	2.00	3.25
Municipality of Pictou	.75	1.18

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometer	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
New Glasgow	10.4	1,010.0
Pictou	8.3	560.3
Stellarton	8.7	628.3
Trenton	6.7	468.6
Westville	14.3	317.1
Municipality of Pictou	2,725.1	8.1
County of Pictou	2,774.4	18.1

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981		Ethnic Groups - 1981		Mother Tongue - 1981	
Roman Catholic	29.3	British Isles	80.9	English	97.7
United Church	23.0	French	4.9	French	1.2
Anglican	9.8	German	1.6	Other	1.6
Other Protestants	35.1	Other Single Origins	4.9		
Other	2.9	Multiple Origins	7.7		

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

There are 640 teachers and 31 schools in Pictou County. Enrollment in 1983-84 was 5,897 elementary, 2,563 junior high, 2,121 senior high, and 499 in other programs. There were 32 teachers and 415 students at Pictou Regional Vocational School in Stellarton. The nearest universities are in Antigonish and Halifax.

HOSPITALS

Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow	256 beds, 30 bassinets
Sutherland-Harris Memorial, Pictou	58 beds, 7 bassinets

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Stellarton Industrial Park

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS	Approximate Employment
Michelin Tire (Canada) Limited, Granton	2,000
Hawker Siddeley Canada Inc., Trenton Works	1,500
Scott Maritimes Limited, Abercrombie	350
Pictou Industries Limited, Pictou	200
Maritime Steel & Foundries Limited, New Glasgow	200
National Sea Products Limited, Pictou Division	175

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	144.7
- Collector	346.4
- Local	321.4
Unpaved Highways	1,399.1
Total	2,211.6

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1982	Number
Passenger Automobiles	16,194
Trucks and buses	6,080
Total	22,274

Rail

The Canadian National Railway from Halifax to Sydney passes through Pictou County. Daily passenger and freight service is provided. Rail, freight, and express service is provided to major centres within the County.

Air

The Town of Trenton owns and operates a local airport for use by private and charter planes. The airport consists of a 945 m x 46 m asphalt runway with lighting, terminal building, rotating beacon, fuel grades 80 and 100, and all grades of oil. The Halifax International Airport is about 126 kms from New Glasgow.

Bus

Acadian Lines Limited operates four daily services through Pictou County (three between Halifax and Sydney and one between Halifax and Antigonish), with connections to other in and out-of-Province points. Pictou County Transit provides regular daily service between the towns of Westville, Stellarton, New Glasgow, Trenton, and Pictou Town.

Marine

Pictou Harbour is one of the better harbours on the south shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, providing direct access to the Northumberland Strait. Facilities at the harbour include fish handling, general cargo, liquid bulk, and non-cargo activities. Pictou Industries Shipyard is located at the harbour providing shipbuilding and repair services. The navigation season at Pictou Harbour runs from mid-April to the end of December with a controlling channel depth of 6.7 metres.

In addition to Pictou Harbour, there are several small harbours used mainly for fishing located along the coast of Pictou County and a passenger/vehicle ferry service operates between Caribou and Wood Island, Prince Edward Island, from May to December.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers and Magazines

New Glasgow - The Evening News	Circ. 11,951 - daily	
Pictou - The Pictou Advocate	Circ. 5,500 - weekly	

Radio Stations

New Glasgow - CKEC	5,000 watts	Independent, English
- CBHN - FM	1,200 watts	CBC English
- CBAF - FM	1,200 watts	CBC French

TV Stations

New Glasgow - CBHT - 5	Channel 4 - 479 watts	CBC English
New Glasgow - CBHFT - 7	Channel 15 - 6,400 watts	CBC French

K-Vision Services Ltd. serves New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, Westville and the other surrounding areas.

SHOPPING CENTRES

	Approximate Size
Aberdeen Mall, New Glasgow	21,096 m^2
West Side Plaza, New Glasgow	5,955 m^2
Highland Square, New Glasgow	26,022 m^2

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
New Glasgow	30	201	12	-	243
Pictou	20	30	-	40	90
Total	50	231	12	40	333

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library in New Glasgow operates additional branches within Pictou County at Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, Westville, and two bookmobiles.

Museums and Art Galleries

Pictou County Historical Museum and Samson Locomotive, New Glasgow
Micmac Museum, Pictou
Loch Broom Log Church, Loch Broom
McCulloch House & Hector National Exhibition Centre, Pictou
Mining Museum and Library, Stellarton